

## *Steve Westly* *California State Controller*



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### **STATE CONTROLLER RECRUITING PROBATE REFEREES IN 13 COUNTIES**

#### **CANDIDATES URGED TO APPLY BY OCTOBER 8TH**

**Sacramento, October 1, 2003** – California State Controller Steve Westly is preparing to appoint up to 20 probate referees around California and is urging candidates to apply before the October 8<sup>th</sup> deadline.

“Probate referees provide a valuable service by settling estates in a fair and impartial manner,” Westly said. “These positions provide excellent experience, and I want to make this opportunity available to the widest possible group of qualified citizens in California.”

California law allows the Controller to appoint Probate Referees to four-year terms in each county. Probate Referees do not earn a salary but are compensated by the estate. Applicants must meet minimum requirements, pass a state exam and be interviewed by a panel of judges and attorneys.

To qualify for the exam, applicants must have one of the following qualifications:

- Bachelor’s degree plus at least 30 hours of appraisal/valuation classes;
- 2,000 hours of experience in a 4-year period appraising real and/or personal property;
- Certification as an appraiser;
- Attorney and member of the State Bar for at least three years;
- Certified Public Accountant for at least three years, license in California.

People wishing to apply must file an application by October 8. Complete details and information are available by calling Cooperative Personnel Services at (916) 263-3624 or by visiting the State Controller’s web site at [www.sco.ca.gov](http://www.sco.ca.gov).

As a result of this recruitment, Probate Referees will be appointed in the following counties:

*Alameda, Fresno, Kern, Lassen, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, Sonoma and Stanislaus.*

Applicants who pass the examination will remain on the eligibility list for 5 years and may be considered for future vacancies during that time.

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